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(57) **Abstract:** Compounds of formula (1), wherein Z is -CONR₁₅OH or -N(OH)CHO and X is -(CR₉R₁₀)t-Q-(CR₁₁R₁₂)u- (where t and u are independently 0 or 1 with the proviso that t and u cannot both be 0); are inhibitors of metalloproteinases and in particular TACE.